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SUBJECT: (Optional) Monthly Report -- Nicosia Bureau				
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MNC-7013
5 October 87

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Nicosia Bureau -- September

I. GENERAL

Two new 4.5-meter satellite dish antennas -- one C-Band and one KU-Band -- were erected and put into operation at the bureau during September by Headquarters engineer [] and two contractor engineers. The KU-Band dish was immediately put into use covering Tehran television and providing vastly improved reception of Tehran Domestic Service. The antennas are the same type as the Paraguay Bureau associate ROSET, except that one is modified for KU-Band and both have base plates that can be moved some 90 degrees. This allows the dishes a choice of fields of view, either a) from the 90 degree-East satellite position to 19 degree East, or b) from 26 degree East to 27 degree West. Both settings include the 26 degree East Arabsat within the field of view.

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The two dishes were formally accepted on 24 September. The C-Band dish suffers from some local microwave interference, which is being studied further, but which will not interfere with processing of various Arab countries' television casts already observed with the dish. These include Saudi Arabia, Oman, and Jordan.

The KU-Band dish is now being used to survey the content of Tehran television and to record a daily 1630 GMT television news program for air courier delivery to London. After a few days of trial operation, the bureau on 1 October took over coverage of Tehran television and the courier delivery service previously provided by a Tel Aviv contractor. The tapes are delivered to London 1 1/2 days or more after the actual broadcast and are relayed to Headquarters via INTERNET.

Arabic monitors will start sampling the content of various Arabsat television casts soon. A staff cruiser from MOD is expected in mid-October to assist in surveying possible new coverage.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The bureau responded to a Headquarters alert on 18 September for reaction to the U.S. arrest at sea of alleged Lebanese terrorist Fawaz Yunis. The U.S. action provoked a threat from the Al-Husayn Brigade, reported by Beirut Voice of Lebanon on 20 September, that if Yunis is not released, "the group's reply will be in the very homes of the Americans and that no U.S. Embassy in the Mediterranean will be safe." The duty editor advised the embassy security officer of the report by phone, and he, in turn, kept the DCM apprised of the situation.

2. Due to the initial survey of Tehran television and Domestic Service from the new ROSET antennas and a volume of Iranian comment on the U.S. capture of the minelaying ship "Iran Ajr," the workload in the Persian section was extremely heavy during the last week of the month. In order to ease the burden, the bureau dropped coverage of three Moscow Persian-language casts and one Beijing Persian cast from 24 to 30 September.

B. Communications

1. Following a number of commo outages in late August, the Embassy [] commo was taken down for maintenance for 6 hours on 1 September. For the rest of the month there were no more extended outages.

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2. The Telecommunications Section contributed a "work-around" solution to two format problems in the Bach 1.3B software discovered soon after it was put into operation. The problems were the result of message format changes required by the Headquarters switch to AFS and introduced at the same time as the new Bach software. The bureau received recognition in a message from ADD that the procedures suggested by the section had "advantages" requiring "less operator intervention and time" than various other possible solutions offered from other quarters.

III. VISITS

A. [] Chief of Operations Division, visited the bureau from 4 through 9 September. During his stay he met with Embassy officials and bureau personnel.

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B. Headquarters engineer [] and S-T Research engineers [] arrived on 9 September to install the new ROSET antennas. The contractor personnel departed on 24 September and [] left on 25 September.

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C. Headquarters editor [] arrived on 14 September for a 3-month editorial training TDY.

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D. Part-time Headquarters editor [] arrived in Nicosia on 20 September for a familiarization TDY and departed on 22 September.

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Bureau Chief
Nicosia Bureau

ATTACHMENT: Production Report

Nicosia Bureau Production Report for September 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	252040
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	113070
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	725

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	9780.00 min.	22260.00 min.	119.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

CHINA

Beijing in Persian to Iran	0
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CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in Arabic	14890
(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in English	190
(Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian	0
(Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic	120
(Clandestine) Voice of the Mountain in Arabic	7520
(Clandestine) Voice of the People in Arabic	600

CYPRUS

Nicosia Domestic Service in Greek	6490
Nicosia CYPRUS MAIL in English	1650
Nicosia ELEVTHEROTIPIA TIS DHEFTERAS in Greek	0
Nicosia ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek	0
Nicosia I SIMERINI TIS DHEFTERAS in Greek	0
Nicosia I SIMERINI in Greek	2760

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Nicosia KHARAVYI DHEFTERAS in Greek			0
Nicosia KHARAVYI in Greek			3510
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS TIS DHEFTERAS in Greek			0
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS in Greek			1390
Nicosia TA NEA in Greek			520
Nicosia YENIDUZEN in Turkish			1880
EGYPT			
Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic	7310		
Cairo Voice of the Arabs in Arabic	560		
Cairo MENA in Arabic		32980	
Cairo MENA in English		4670	
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		8280	
GREECE			
Athens Domestic Service in Greek	22060		
Athens ATHENS NEWS in English			2020
Athens ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			4040
Athens I KATHIMERINI in Greek			2290
Athens KIRIAKATIKI ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			380
Athens KIRIAKATIKOS RIZOSPASTIS in Greek			280
Athens RIZOSPASTIS in Greek			620
IRAN			
Tehran International Service in Arabic	0		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tehran International Service in Turkish	570		
Tehran Domestic Service in Persian	39690		
IRAQ			
Baghdad in Persian to Iran	0		
LEBANON			
Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic	17300		
Beirut Domestic Service in English	3240		
Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic	12670		
Beirut Voice of National Resistance in Arabic	2800		
Ihdim Radio of Free and Unified Lebanon in Arabic	220		
Beirut AL-NAHAR AL-'ARABI WA AL-DUWALI in Arabic			0
Beirut AL-NAHAR in Arabic			0
Beirut AL-SAFIR in Arabic			2500
Beirut AL-SHIRA' in Arabic			320
Beirut MONDAY MORNING in English			0
LIBYA			
Tripoli Domestic Service in Arabic	340		
Tripoli Voice of Greater Arab Homeland in Arabic	220		
TURKEY			
Ankara YANKI in Turkish			0
Istanbul BULVAR in Turkish			1410

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Istanbul CUMHURİYET in Turkish			10040
Istanbul DUNYA in Turkish			0
Istanbul GUNAYDIN in Turkish			1260
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			10470
Istanbul MILLİYET in Turkish			11850
Istanbul TERCUMAN in Turkish			5370
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Persian	710		
Moscow in Greek to Cyprus	0		
Moscow in Greek to Greece	0		
Moscow in Persian to Iran	1470		
Baku Domestic Service in Azeri	940		
Tashkent Domestic Service in Uzbek	800		
UNITED KINGDOM			
London AL-SHARQ AL-AWSAT in Arabic			840